

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	CASE NO.: 05-422M
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	DETENTION ORDER
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ELIZABETH LAURIE LAPLANTE	)	
ANGOUS,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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Offense charged:

Aggravated Identity Theft (two counts)

Date of Detention Hearing: September 8 and 16, 2005

The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds that no condition or combination of conditions which defendant can meet will reasonably assure the appearance of defendant as required and the safety of other persons and the community.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

(1) Defendant is charged by Complaint with two counts of Aggravated Identity Theft, which alleges that the defendant used the identification of another person to commit wire fraud.

(2) The defendant's criminal records history includes multiple charges of forgery and identity theft since 2001. The defendant has repeatedly failed to appear for court hearings,

01 following which bench warrants were issued. The AUSA proffers evidence that there are six  
02 current failures to appear that can be attributed to the defendant. The AUSA proffers evidence  
03 to support the contention that the defendant has been involved in multiple instances of disguising  
04 her physical identity, utilizing false identity documents, and fraudulently obtaining funds from the  
05 bank accounts of numerous individuals.

06 (3) The defendant reports that she has been unemployed since 2004. There are  
07 discrepancies as to where she is residing. She reports an address in a building which is said to be  
08 condemned by the City of Seattle and not subject to anyone legally living in the building. She  
09 continues to assert that this is her correct residence, while the AUSA suggests that it may simply  
10 be a mail drop. The defendant is alleged to have given a second address in Seattle at a house  
11 which the owner contends the defendant was not a tenant. The defendant disputes that contention.

12 (4) The defendant poses a risk of nonappearance due to several alias names, the nature  
13 of the instant offense, a history of failing to appear, a history of failure to comply with court  
14 orders, the defendant's access to false identity documents, lack of stable employment,  
15 contradictory information regarding her residence, and information indicating that her criminal  
16 conduct was ongoing. The defendant poses a risk of danger due to the nature of the instant  
17 offense and multiple recent convictions for the same or similar offense.

18 (5) There does not appear to be any condition or combination of conditions that will  
19 reasonably assure the defendant's appearance at future Court hearings while addressing the danger  
20 to other persons or the community.

21 It is therefore ORDERED:

22 (1) Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the  
23 Attorney General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent  
24 practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody  
25 pending appeal;

26 (2) Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with

01 counsel;

02 (3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the  
03 Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is  
04 confined shall deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of  
05 an appearance in connection with a court proceeding; and

06 (4) The clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to  
07 counsel for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United States  
08 Pretrial Services Officer.

09 DATED this 16th day of September, 2005.

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12 United States Magistrate Judge  
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